



Sunday, October 10, 2021

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel
before the Lord, our Maker!”

Psalm 95:6

Order of Worship and Lyrics

Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices
Who wondrous things hath done
In whom His world rejoices
Who from our mothers' arms hath blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills in this world and the next

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
with them in highest heaven
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise Song: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

[Chorus]

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the
third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from
thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in
the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Unison Reading: Ephesians 5:15-21

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem: Almost Home

Don't drop a single anchor we're almost home
Through every toil and danger we're almost home
How many pilgrim saints have before us gone?
No stopping now We're almost home.

That promised land is callin' We're almost home
And not a tear shall fall then We're almost home
Make ready now your souls for that kingdom come.
No turning back We're almost home

[Chorus]

Almost home We're almost home.
So press on toward that blessed shore
O praise the Lord We're almost home.

This journey ours together we're almost home
Unto that great forever we're almost home
What song anew we'll sing 'round that happy throne
Come faint of heart we're almost home

This life is just a vapor we're almost home
That sun is settin' yonder we're almost home
Take courage for this darkness shall break to dawn
O lift your eyes We're almost home,

Sermon: "Love at a Distance"

Dan Kish

Scripture: 3 John

"1 The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.
2 Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that
you may be in good health, as it goes well with your
soul. 3 For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came
and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in
the truth. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my
children are walking in the truth. 5 Beloved, it is a
faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these
brothers, strangers as they are, 6 who testified to your
love before the church. You will do well to send them

on their journey in a manner worthy of God. 7 For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. 8 Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth. 9 I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. 10 So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church. 11 Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. 12 Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true. 13 I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink. 14 I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. 15 Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.””

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies: Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the
night, Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to Thee we
raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to Thee we
raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,
Off'ring up on ev'ry shore
Her pure sacrifice of love: Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's
delight, For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to Thee
we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thyself, best Gift Divine! To our race so freely
giv'n; For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n: Lord of all, to Thee
we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

Benediction/Response: Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen!

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